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Trees on Maine Street Bulletin

IN THE WORKS



Cornelian-cherry

Cornus mas

Cornelian-Cherry is a slow-growing, small tree or large shrub preferring sun or partial shade and a well drained soil. The growth rate is moderate and young plants transplant easily. Bark is very showy and is often displayed by removing lower foliage. A height of 15 to 25 feet and spread of 12 to 18 feet can be expected, eventually. The yellow flowers produced in very early spring are similar to Forsythia and are followed by red fruit which is edible and partially hidden by the foliage. The fall color is red. Cornelian-Cherry responds well to pruning and may be used as a hedge plant.

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MAINE FOREST SERVICE PROJECT CANOPY

A friend of urban forestry passes. Orono – Richard J. Campana died Friday, April 1, 2005 at his home in Orono. Dr. Campana was a teacher, researcher, and widely-consulted expert on Dutch elm disease for more than 40 years. He had teaching and research relationships with many institutions of higher education, including the University of Maine, University of California, and Virginia Poly Technical Institute. Dr. Campana leaves a legacy, extending through his many graduate students, of major contributions to his field. His numerous publications, public service, and active participation in professional scientific organizations were well-recognized. He was given the University Presidential Achievement Award in 1984. In 1985, he retired as professor emeritus, was inducted into the Idaho Alumni College of Fame and was elected a Fellow of the American Phytopathological Society. Dr. Campana's retirement was only a partial one. Under the auspices of the International Society of Arboriculture, he wrote "Arboriculture: History and Development in North America," published in 1999. He was again honored by the University of Maine for giving a beautiful old elm near Hitchner Hall a long life. The tree was injected against Dutch elm disease in 1978 and again in 2004; the tree still survives and is known as the Campana Elm. Excerpted from the Bangor Daily News, April 4, 2005. View the full obituary at www.umaine.edu/fes/Department/Faculty/RJCampana.doc

CONGRATULATIONS 2005 PROJECT CANOPY GRANT RECIPIENTS

Project Canopy awarded approximately \$75,000 to 21 communities to support local community forestry efforts. The Project Canopy Assistance Program is funded by a grant from the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program, a national initiative designed to strengthen connections between people and their environment.

Project Canopy assistance grants support sustainable community forestry management, increase awareness of the benefits of trees and forests, and improve the health and livability of communities through sound tree planting and maintenance.

The following communities and organizations received funding to support tree planting and maintenance projects: City of Augusta, City of Ellsworth, City of Hallowell, City of Rockland, Coastal Maine Botanical Garden, McLaughlin Foundation, Town of Holden, Town of Livermore, Town of North Yarmouth, and the Town of Old Orchard Beach. The following communities and organizations received funding to support community forestry planning and education projects: City of Auburn, Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District, Town of Fairfield, Gray Community Endowment, Town of Lyman, Town of Machiasport, Town of Readfield, Town of Skowhegan, Poland High School, and the University of Maine at Farmington.

Since 1991, Project Canopy has awarded grants and provided community forestry technical assistance to over 200 communities and organizations in Maine. For more information on the Project Canopy Assistance Program, please call Michael DeBonis at 1-800-367-0223 or visit www.projectcanopy.org.

MAINE ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST WINNER ANNOUNCED

Raelle Merrill, a fifth-grade student at George B. Weatherbee School in Hamden, is the Maine state winner of the 2005 Arbor Day National Poster Contest. Raelle will be honored at Maine's Arbor Week celebration, in Augusta, on May 17.

Raelle's poster was selected as the 2005 state winner by a panel of judges from the Pine Tree State Arboretum, the Maine Department of Conservation, Project Learning Tree, and the Small Woodlot Owners Association of Maine. The contest, sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation, Toyota, and the Maine Department of Conservation, asked students to create a poster reflecting the theme "Trees are Terrific ...and Energy Wise!"

The annual contest educates children about the importance of planting and caring for trees in our cities and towns.

As the winner, Raelle will receive a \$100 savings bond, a tree planted in her honor at her school, and several tree related books and prizes. Raelle is also a finalist in the national contest.

Chelsea Upham of the Friendship Village School is the first runner up. Zachary Quimby, a student at Fisher Mitchell Elementary School in Bath is second runner up. Both will receive prizes from the National Arbor Day Foundation and the Maine Department of Conservation.

NATIONAL TREE TRUST – 2005 LAST YEAR OF ORGANIZATION

National Tree Trust (NTT) recently announced that its support for urban and community forestry organizations will remain strong through a \$5 million grant to The National Arbor Day Foundation. This grant will enable National Tree Trust to continue its legacy of promoting healthy communities by providing resources that educate and empower people to grow and care for the urban and community forests.

In 2005, the National Tree Trust name will continue to be used. At the end of 2005, NTT will dissolve as an organization and NTT programs will be integrated into the Arbor Day Foundation in 2006. Throughout this year, NTT program staff will continue to implement the programs and the relationships that have been stewarded by NTT. Urban and community forestry organizations can maintain contact with NTT program staff through 2005.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAINE'S 2004 TREE CITIES

Maine is proud to have fifteen communities achieve Tree City USA status for 2004. Tree City USA is a program sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation that recognizes communities with outstanding community forestry programs. Maine's Tree Cities are: Auburn, Augusta, Bath, Camden, Farmington, Hallowell, Kennebunkport, Lewiston, Orono, Portland, South Portland, Waterville, Westbrook, and Yarmouth. And we are pleased to announce the City of Bangor as a first time Tree City USA recipient. The cities of Augusta and Bath have also received 2004 growth awards for going above and beyond the Tree City USA standards. For information on the Tree City USA Program, please call Project Canopy at 1-800-367-0223.



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into nature, and then you
will understand everything.

-- Albert Einstein

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A GRAND ELM LASTS NO LONGER

She was called the mother elm, a sturdy centuries-old survivor in a corner of a Princeton, NJ Cemetery that managed to escape the dreaded Dutch elm disease when tens of millions of other elms around the country fell victim to its ravages.

Only last year molecular biologists discovered that the tree's monumental strength and classic beauty might have spawned a breed of disease-resistant trees that have flourished in and around Princeton for years. And those trees have provided the genetic material for a new generation of elms that have been planted in places across the country, including Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House. Riveredge Farms of Atlanta sells disease-resistant Princeton elms genetically descended from the mother tree. *Associated Press* 2005

GREEN HIGHWAY CERTIFICATION

State and federal officials have begun work to advance a notion that some may consider an oxymoron - environmentally friendly highways. Agencies are working to develop national criteria for "Green Highway" certification that would label a highway project as sustainable and environmentally sound. The initiative is another step in a long-standing effort to promote environmental stewardship for highway projects and programs. The program is being promoted by the Federal Highway Administration, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and the Environmental Protection Agency. EPA, FHWA, and AASHTO will sponsor a green highway forum this fall to gather input and best practices that could be used in developing criteria for certification. The forum is scheduled for Sept. 26-29, 2005, in College Park, MD. More information on the forum is available on the web at

<http://www.wetlandsworkgroup.org/GreenHighways/Green%20Highways.htm>.

SOIL DATA AVAILABLE ONLINE

Soil information is available from the eFOTG website-the current OFFICIAL soil information source for Maine. Soil information obtained from other sources may not be current, and should be checked against the official information from the eFOTG website. Much of the soil information available from the eFOTG is provided through a link to the Soil Data Mart:

<http://soildatamart.nrcs.usda.gov/> To view or download soil data and reports for a specific county, in EFOTG under section 2 soils, scroll down and find the county folder you want, and select soil reports which will link you to the soil data mart - select all map units or just the one you are interested in - then in the report boxes scroll down to forest productivity and select and then hit generate report. Reports are listed alphabetically.

USDA FOREST SERVICE PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

<http://na.fs.fed.us/pubs/misc/flg/index.cfm>

May

15-21 Maine Arbor Week. Events held throughout the state. Contact Project Canopy at 1-800-367-0223 for more information.

16-20, 9 AM-1 PM Tree Seedling and used book sale, Pine Tree State Arboretum

23-25 Urban Wildlife Management Conference, Arbor Day Farm/Lied Lodge & Conference Center, Nebraska City, NE. Visit www.arborday.org/conferences or contact 1-888-448-7337 FMI.

June

9 8:30 AM – 4:15 PM All about Stone, hosted by the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden and the Pine Tree State Arboretum. Kresge Auditorium, Bowdoin College. Call CMBG to register or for more information at 633-4333.

16-19 Community-owned forests conference – possibilities, experiences, and lessons learned. Missoula, MT. Visit www.communitiescommittee.org/conference/index.php for more information.

July

18-22 Community mapping institute. Maine Community Mapping Program will offer a 5-day community mapping institute for educators at the University of Maine at Farmington. The target audience is grade 7-12th grade educators. For more information, contact Stephen Engle at englest@earthlink.net

If you would like to put your community's activity on the calendar, please let one of the editors know by the 15th of each month.

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